

# *The 60 Plus Association*

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**Kill the Death Tax. Protect Social Security and Medicare. Energy Security.**

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Dear Representative Denham:

As Chairman of the 60 Plus Association, representing over 7 million senior citizen activists nationwide, I thank you for proposing "The Seniors' Rights to Know Act" which would, if enacted, require that Medicare Advantage providers notify individuals insured under these plans when changes occur as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

Of the 41 MILLION senior citizens currently enrolled in Medicare programs, 14 MILLION of these have chosen coverage under Medicare Advantage, a successful private alternative to traditional Medicare. Of these enrollees, 41% have incomes of \$20,000 or less, and 1 in 5 of these are minorities.

Seniors overwhelmingly dislike the changes PPACA has already made to Medicare, and are very confused about what these changes will mean to the quality of their health care. They fear that access to medical professionals and facilities will be severely limited, causing critical delays in treatment.

In 2009, legislators were told that they would have to pass PPACA in order to know what is in it. Passage of this proposed legislation would extend that 'courtesy' to Medicare Advantage enrollees when more of their critical health care options are taken from them. Seniors have a right to know when PPACA results in fewer health care choices, higher costs, and cancelled plans.

Sincerely,



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*The 60 Plus Association is a 20-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security and Medicare, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a limited government, less taxes approach as well as a strict adherence to the Constitution. 60 Plus calls on support from over 7 million citizen activists. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a Scorecard, bestowing awards on lawmakers of both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group" and the acknowledged conservative alternative to the liberal AARP.*